

# IC 2001-1 TO AFI 36-2903, DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

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## ★SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This change incorporates Interim Change (IC) 2001-1. The change updates, table 1.4, Line 1, Column C, add, “Note 3: During tours of less than 30 days, Reserve and Air National Guard (ANG) chaplains not on extended active duty may request a waiver for religious observance when consistent with their faith. For Air Force Reserve waiver processing instructions, see AFMAN 36-8001, *Reserve Personnel Participation and Training Procedures*. For ANG waiver processing instructions, submit requests to NGB/HC, 1411 Jefferson Davis HWY, Arlington, VA 22202-3231. See the last attachment of the publication, IC 2001-1 for the complete IC. A bar (/) indicates revision from the previous edition.

**Table 1.4. Personal Grooming Standards (see notes).**

<b>L I N E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
	<b>Item of Grooming (M-Men, W-Women)</b>	<b>Will be/have</b>	<b>Will not</b>
<b>★ 1</b>	Beards (M)		be worn except for health reasons when authorized by a commander on the advice of a medical officer. If commander authorizes, members keep facial hair trimmed not to exceed 1/4 inch in length. Individuals granted a shaving waiver will not shave any facial hair. Commanders and supervisors will monitor progress in treatment to control these waivers. (See note 3.)
<b>2</b>	Cosmetics (W)	conservative and in good taste	

3	Hair, Overall Standard (M & W)	clean, well-groomed and neat. If dyed, will look natural.	contain excessive amount of grooming aids, touch eyebrows when groomed or protrude below the front band of properly worn headgear. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> Hair may be visible in front of women's flight cap.
4	Hair Style (M)	a tapered appearance on both sides and back, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance is one that when viewed from any angle outlines the individual's hair so that it conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point. Block cut permitted with tapered appearance.	be worn in an extreme or fad style or in such a way that exceeds length or bulk standards or violates safety requirements. Will not touch the ears and only closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck may touch the collar. Will not exceed 1 1/4 inches in bulk, regardless of length and not exceed 1/4 inch at the natural termination point. Will not contain or have any visible foreign items attached to it.
5	Hair Style (W)	styled to present a professional appearance. Plain and conservative pins, combs, headbands, elastic bands, and barrettes similar to the individual's hair color permitted to keep hair in place.	be worn in an extreme or fad style or violate safety requirements. Will not extend in length on all sides below an invisible line drawn parallel to the ground at the bottom edge of the shirt collar at the back of the neck. Will not exceed 3 inches in bulk or prevent proper wear of headgear. Will not include hair ornaments such as ribbons or jeweled pins.

<b>6</b>	Hairnets (M & W)	worn as required for safety Made of cotton or a synthetic material; be of a conservative, solid color similar to the individual's hair color, be strong enough to support and control hair; and contain no metal fasteners.	
<b>7</b>	Mustache (M)		extend downward beyond the lipline of the upper lip or extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corner of the mouth. (This does not apply to individuals with shaving waivers.)
<b>8</b>	Sideburns (M)	neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as the haircut. Will be straight and of even width (not flared) and end in a clean-shaven horizontal line.	extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening. (This does not apply to individuals with shaving waivers.)
<b>9</b>	Wigs and Hairpieces (M & W)	in conformance with the same standards required for natural hair, be of good quality, and fit properly.	exceed limits stated for natural hair. Will not be worn by personnel engaged in aircraft flight line or in-flight operations.
<b>10</b>	Wigs and Hairpieces (M)	of good quality and fit properly. Members must have their medical records documented to wear a wig or hairpiece to cover baldness or disfiguration. Other male personnel will not wear wigs or hairpieces.	
<b>11</b>	Nail Polish (W)	conservative, single color, and in good taste.	contain any ornamentation.

**NOTES:**

1. The items listed represent common appearance issues. This list is not all inclusive.
2. Commanders do not have the authority to waive appearance and grooming standards except as identified in table 1.4, line 1.

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